

## Mrs. Ragona, Freed Of Murder Charge, Rejoins Husband

**Crowd in Court Cheers Verdict of Acquittal in Case of Young Mother Accused of Killing Lover**

Mrs. Josephine Pinelli Ragona was acquitted yesterday in Judge Crain's court of the charge of murder, on which she has been on trial. A crowd which had taken its stand in the Criminal Courts Building to wait for the verdict cheered when it was announced. The jury was out about three hours.

Mrs. Ragona was accused of killing Frank Luciano, with whom she had been living, October 14, 1920. Mrs. Ragona said that the shot was fired in a struggle for a revolver which he had drawn. She said that Luciano was the cause of her separation from her husband and had annoyed her for a long time.

It was about 10 o'clock when Judge Crain finished his charge and the jury was conducted to their quarters. It was not until after 8 o'clock that Cortlandt Young, foreman of the jury, announced the verdict.

Mrs. Ragona was worried by the protracted absence of the jury. When the jury sent word to Judge Crain that a verdict had been agreed upon Mrs. Ragona was led from the room where she had been waiting for the verdict and was arraigned at the bar with a court attendant on each side of her.

She kept her hands over her face until after the verdict had been announced. Then she shrieked and would have fallen had not one of the court attendants who acted as her escorts caught her. She was led to a bench, where she sat crying until her husband and children, who had been waiting outside, were brought in. They sat down beside her and talked to her until she regained her composure.

All of them were taken down a rear staircase to avoid the crowd which still waited in the rotunda. On her way out of the building Mrs. Ragona thanked her attorneys, Newman Levy, David Hirsch and Helen Wasserman, and knelt and thanked God.

She went to her mother's home, where she is going to live with her husband and their children.

## Two Killed Aboard Olympic in Storm on Eastbound Run

SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 16.—It is reported that two third-class passengers were killed on board the steamer Olympic and that much damage was done to the vessel during a storm described as the worst ever experienced by her. The Olympic is due to-morrow afternoon on the voyage from New York, nearly a day late.

The wireless reports that the storm

lasted for eight hours, during which time the steamer was unable to proceed. All of her upper decks were swept by terrific seas.

## Soviet Has No Standing In Court, Jurists Rule

**Can't Collect in This Country From Jacques Cibrario, Film Producer, Is Decision**

Reversing a decision of the Supreme Court, the Appellate Division yesterday held that the Russian Soviet government had no standing in the courts of this state. The appeal was on the appointment of a receiver for Jacques Roberto Cibrario, motion picture producer, who was sued by the Russian government over some funds intrusted to him under a contract to supply educational films for Russia.

"The plaintiff never having been recognized as a sovereignty by the executive or legislative branches of the United States government," said the Appellate Division, "has no capacity to sue in the courts of this state."

The decision of the higher court added: "Whenever the question has been raised in this state it has been held that the test of the right of a foreign sovereignty to sue in our courts is its recognition by our own government. The plaintiff is unable to show any acts of recognition by the government of this country. On the contrary, the record proves that, so far as this country is concerned, the plaintiff is non-existent as a sovereignty."

## Abuses at Ellis Island Before Cabinet Meeting

**President Joins in Discussion of Their "Human Side"; May Extend Operation of Law**

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The immigration question cropped up again at today's meeting of the President and his Cabinet. The chief phase considered was in connection with the reception accorded incoming foreigners at ports in this country, and more particularly at Ellis Island. The practice of dumping more than the legal allotment of residents from foreign countries into Ellis Island resulted in a number of hardships, it was brought out at the meeting.

What the President terms the "human side" of the abuses at Ellis Island and other ports was discussed and suggestions put forward designed to remedy conditions. The present immigration bill permitting but 3 per cent of the 1910 quota of aliens from any one country landing here was enacted to cover only a year's time. The question came up at the Cabinet meeting as to whether the President will recommend to Congress the application of this law for a term of years, and the inference gained was that as the situation stands now the President will probably ask for such legislation.

## Cuban Army Dons Overalls And Is 'Polishing Up' Havana

HAVANA, Dec. 16.—The Cuban army was called out to-day to polish up Havana. Instead of acting as armed guards for truckloads of convicts, who, during the last four days have been pressed into service during a strike of street cleaners and garbage collectors, the regulars from the Havana garrison donned overalls and wielded brushes and brooms on the littered streets.

The strikers, instead of returning to work last night, as had been expected, announced that until back wages for more than two months had been paid in full they would continue their vacation, begun last Sunday night.

## "Tom" Smith, Tammany Secretary, Is Recovering

Public Administrator Thomas F. Smith, secretary of Tammany Hall, who underwent a surgical operation on Tuesday night at Dr. A. R. Stern's Sanatorium, West End Avenue and Seventy-seventh Street, for an intestinal trouble, showed marked improvement yesterday.

Dr. John F. Erdmann, the surgeon in charge, said his temperature was receding. The technical name of the ailment, it seems, is diverticulitis.

## Senate Passes China Trade Bill; Deletes Tax Exemption

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The China trade bill was passed by the Senate late to-day with provisions incorporated by the House for granting tax exemption privileges to American corporations doing business in China stricken out. The bill in general provides for the organization under Federal charter of American concerns for business in China. The measure now goes to conference with the House.



## In the Magazine Section of To-morrow's Tribune

THIS week's Magazine Section of The Tribune is filled with Christmas spirit—it is packed full of entertainment and illustrations for all members of the family. Here are some of the leading features.

### Uncle Sam's First Christmas Present

Trenton has changed some in one hundred and forty-five years, but a Tribune artist and writer, trailing Washington across the Delaware, found plenty of historic atmosphere at the scene of America's most successful Surprise party. Story by Fairfax Downey, illustrations by Jefferson Machamer.

### A Try for the Phonograph Record

First of James J. Montague's Sunday bits of every day fun. Mr. Montague's contributions will appear regularly in the Magazine Section in addition to his weekday column, "More Truth than Poetry," now in the week-day Tribune.

### Fifty Odd Years of the Dime Museum Business

James L. Ford, author of "Forty-Odd Years in the Literary Shop," tells of his wanderings and acquaintance among freaks. A story that every New Yorker, old and new, will relish.

### Guam, and How It Happened

The island in the Pacific, which was a two-spot in 1898, has risen to the dignity of a best bower in 1921. A good card for Uncle Sam to hold.

### That Hapless Santa Claus, the Job Holder

An idea of what "the glad season" may mean to the fellow who has constituents to remember. Sometimes the man who won in November figures out at Christmas that he lost. Illustrated by Albert Levering.

### Gotham Arabian Nights

Frederic Van de Water writes this week the tale of Willi ibn Hearst and the way he strove to bring peace to the world.

### Money, Energy and Mr. Ford

Henry Ford is not the first man to propose a substitute for gold as a medium of exchange. An article, descriptive of the economic "pinch hitters" that are ready to bat for gold in the ninth.

### Playing Christmas According to Old Time Rules

An eccentric millionaire gives a holiday party with all the inconveniences of the Middle Ages. Where they got that "merrill" stuff is a mystery to his guests. Illustrated by L. M. Glackens.

### A Simple Home Christmas at Mrs. Canary's

Helena Smith Dayton continues her stories about Mrs. Canary and her boarders. Illustrations by Ethel Plummer.

### Book News and Reviews

Three pages of the latest activities in the world of books.

### Tribune Institute

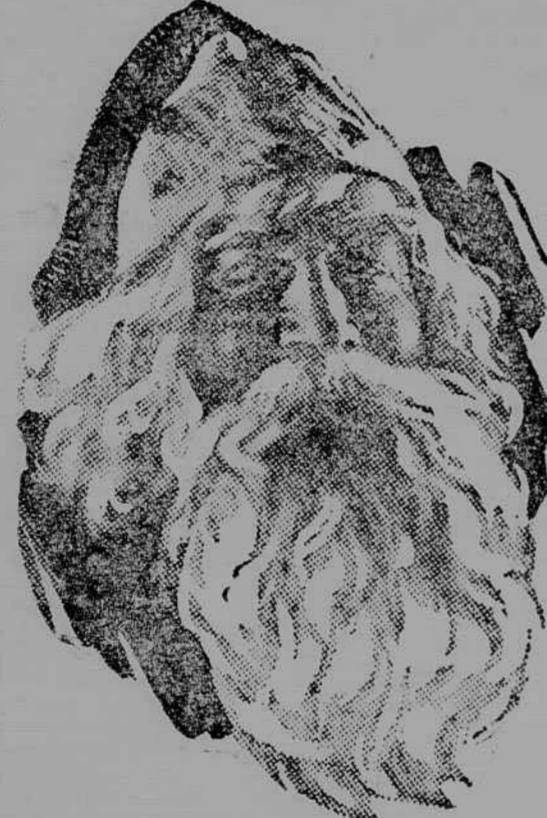
Besides a variety of Christmas menus to choose from there is an amply illustrated story in the series, "Little Journeys to the Homes of Famous Foods." This story is about the Ralston Purina Company.

These are the high spots of the Magazine Section of

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